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BUTLER INSPECTED AS FIRE RISK

Missouri Inspection Bureau Recommends Extensive Changes and Improvements.

Following are the recommendations of the Missouri Inspection Bureau furnished Fire Chief M. J. Gordinier, based on the inspection of the city's fire fighting facilities several weeks ago.

It has been estimated that to fulfill these recommendations would require the expenditure of more than \$25,000.

(1) Increase storage at source of supply to at least eight months supply.

(2) Arrange the piping at filter plant so that the high-lift pumps can be supplied directly from any and all sources without filters in operation.

(3) Provide electrical control of valve to cut off standpipe from electric plant so as to furnish direct pressure for fires.

(4) Provide chemical extinguishers at river pump station and at electric plant at standpipe with hose and proper type extinguishers for electrical fires; also install a fire hydrant near the electric plant.

(5) At electric plant provide pumping capacity of 1,500,000 gallons per day at not less than 100 lbs. pressure and at river station 700,000 gallons per day at not less than 120 lbs. pressure.

(6) Increase storage for high-lift pumps at electric plant, to 350,000 gallons.

(7) Install the following mains: (Note—Whenever 4 inch or 6 inch main exists in street where new main is recommended, same is to be replaced by the main as recommended.)

(a) 8 inch main, 1,250 feet, along Edwards Street, from Electric Plant to High Street.

(b) 8 inch main, 1,420 feet, along High Street, from Edwards Street to Pine Street.

(c) 8 inch main, 2,450 feet, along Pine Street, from High Street to Main Street.

(d) 8 inch main, 600 feet, along Main Street, from Pine Street to Ohio Street.

(e) 6 inch main, 1,250 feet, along Main Street, from Dakota Street to Howard Street.

(f) 6 inch main, 470 feet, along Howard Street, from Main Street to Cherry (Mechanic Street).

(g) 6 inch main, 1,250 feet, along High Street, from Pine Street to Ft. Scott Street.

(h) 6 inch main, 2,450 feet, along Adams Street, from High Street to Main Street.

(i) 6 inch main, 1,500 feet, along Chestnut Street, from Main Street to Broadway Street.

(j) 6 inch main, 1,500 feet, along Ft. Scott Street, from Main Street to Broadway Street.

(k) 6 inch main, 750 feet, along Delaware Street, from Pine Street to Adams Street.

(8) New hydrants to be placed in staggered order and from 150 to 300 feet apart in mercantile district and 300 to 600 feet apart in residential sections; all to be inspected semi-annually.

(9) Gate valves to be inspected annually and so placed as not to shut off more than 2 blocks (1,000 feet) of pipe in mercantile nor more than 4 blocks (1,600 feet) in residential sections.

(10) With present equipment operate both large pumps at electric plant, combined in series as present arrangement permits, so that with standpipe cut off, the maximum pressure will be furnished for fires.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

(11) Members of Department to be drilled regularly in fire fighting methods.

(12) Provide a ladder truck at headquarters equipped with extension ladders to reach roof of tallest building, and so arranged that same can be drawn by horses.

(13) Maintain at least 1,200 feet of hose that is proven by an annual test to maintain 150 lbs. pressure.

(14) Keep on truck several burst hose jackets and provide a smoke helmet.

ORDINANCES

(15) Enact suitable ordinances on electrical wiring; also laws on the storage of explosives and inflammables and disposal of rubbish with Fire Department supervision.

Commercial Club Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Butler Commercial Club was held at the city hall Tuesday evening, with a good attendance of members.

The committee recently appointed to assist the fire department in raising money for the street sprinkling fund reported that sufficient money for the purpose had been pledged and the committee had been commenced. It was decided that the committee should have charge of the fund and report to the next meeting. It was also reported that the

ing the past few months he had been taking oil leases of Bates county lands and that he had transferred these leases to E. Angela Scully. The leased lands are in West Boone, West Point, Homer, Charlotte and other townships. The manager of the estate has agreed to make tests at once, and a big drilling outfit has been unloaded in West Boone township and will begin work in the near future. Prof. Morrison of Washington University, a geologist of note and reputation, has visited Bates county several times during the past year and made exhaustive examinations of lands under lease. Mr. Smith said that he was preparing a statement for the newspapers in regard to the oil proposition in Bates county.

Rev. Lewis W. Keele, who is in charge of the seed corn testing station, submitted a condensed statement of the work accomplished since the station was established. Nearly 600 bushels of corn had been tested for 61 farmers, and more than 1,000 bushels of seed corn had been sold through the station. The average of the tests showed about 88 per cent of the corn good. The station had proven a good thing, as it was educational and demonstrated the necessity of testing all seed corn.

Levi Covey was named as a member of the Decoration Day committee, vice G. P. Wyatt, resigned.

A. H. Culver reported that he had attended a meeting Tuesday afternoon near the Cornland bridge over the Marias des Cygnes River, which was attended by J. D. Clarkson, manager of the Jefferson Highway, and a number of farmers and others interested in the improvement of the road just south of the bridge. After the road had been thoroughly examined by Mr. Clarkson, County Highway Engineer Jos. Flammang and others, it was estimated that it could be put in traveling condition for about \$600. Mr. Culver stated that Rich Hill,

Hume and Sprague would raise \$250 of the money if Butler and the farmers on this side of the river would raise \$350. This was agreed to, and the matter is of so much importance that Mr. Culver thought the Commercial Club should give it full endorsement. A motion prevailed that the club endorse the proposition and assist in improving the road and repairing the bridges.

Mayor Jas. A. DeArmond spoke briefly and stated that he was asking the club for its sympathy and assistance in looking after the good of the city. Referring to the action of the club in the matter of the purchase of a street sweeper, he stated that the street and alley committee was in communication with manufacturers in regard to a sweeper and would know something definite in a short time.

The mayor stated that it was imperative necessary that a proper survey of the water and light plants be made in the near future, no matter what the cost. The waterworks plant is in a deplorable condition, and something must be done soon for its betterment. With the present rate of consumption 500 gallons of water is used, per minute, while the pumping capacity at the river is only 200 gallons per minute. In case of a big fire the department would be unable to do effective work. The light plant is now strained to its utmost capacity and this also must be strengthened and enlarged in some way. The Green people of Pleasant Hill, who have recently taken over the Adrian plant, want to extend their line to Butler and furnish the city with current for commercial purposes, said the mayor, and the matter is now before the light committee of the city council. The matter of registering farm labor was discussed at some length, and on motion it was decided to lend all possible aid to the farmers of this section during the coming harvest. A

motion was made and carried that all the citizens of the city and community be urged to not undertake any work or contract in the near future which can be postponed until after the coming harvest, in order that all able bodied men who will do so may assist in the harvest.

The club adjourned to the next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, May 28.

British Gas Shells Paralyze German Concentration Work.

Washington, D. C., May 9.—The British are using gas shells on the western front with excellent results, the British war mission announced today.

"During the last few days," said the statement, "the British have consistently shelled the German support trenches and tramheads with gas shells with marked results. The German concentrations have been disturbed and their preparations paralyzed by the effectiveness of these bombardments. Prisoners captured on May 4, said they had been unable to obtain rations since May 1, owing to the constant artillery fire."

Gen. Maurice Ousted.

London, May 11.—The army council having considered the explanations rendered by General Frederick B. Maurice has decided that he shall be placed forthwith upon retired pay.

The retirement of General Maurice was made known tonight by a brief statement from the war office. It reads as follows:

"The army council, having considered the explanations tendered by General Maurice of a breach of regulations committed by him in writing, and causing to be published a letter which appeared in the press on the 7th instant, have decided that he be placed forthwith on retired pay."

168 DEATHS IN CAMPS

Weekly Report Shows Improvement in Health Conditions in Army.

Washington, May 9.—Health conditions in the army post and training camps in the United States showed a marked improvement during the week ending May 3, the division of field sanitation reported today to Surgeon General Gorgas. All sick rates continued to decline, while with the exception of one week the death rate was lower than for any other week since last November 16.

Measles is increasing among the troops as a whole, due to the induction of large numbers of new men to the camps, but pneumonia admissions showed a decrease.

There were 168 deaths in all camps, compared with 251 the week before. The regular army had the greatest number, 78, against 87 the previous week; the national army had 68, compared with 113 and the national guard, 22, compared with 51.

To Draft Men in June.

Washington, May 11.—More than 1,300,000 men have been called in the draft so far and either are in France, in camp or under call to go into service before June 1.

The total of 1,300,000 includes all men summoned in the May contingent. There is every indication that even a larger increment will be summoned in June than was summoned in May and a progressive monthly mobilization continue through the summer and fall months as the contingents are expanded. It is expected that at such a rate the army will reach a full strength of well over 3,000,000 within the next twelve or thirteen months. It is possible, some officers say, that the number will be closer to 5,000,000 than 3,000,000.

ENEMY ATTACK ON ONE MILE FRONT FAILS

Germans Penetrate British Positions at One Point Near Morlancourt, but Are Quickly Driven Out—Teutons Repulsed on Other Parts of Line With Heavy Losses.

London, May 14.—In an attack along a mile front near Morlancourt the Germans penetrated the British positions at one place. Field Marshal Haig reports tonight that at all other points on this line the Germans were repulsed with heavy losses, and that the Australians later recaptured the lost position.

While the Germans continue to reconstitute with fresh elements their units shattered by the allies during the recent big offensive, they are keeping up intensive bombardments against the British and French positions on various sectors in Flanders and Picardy. They also have become embroiled with the French in heavy artillery duels in Champagne and in the Vosges mountains.

Nowhere on any part of the line from the North sea to the Swiss frontier has there been an infantry engagement of great importance. Near Morlancourt, which lies to the south of Albert, the Germans delivered an attack against the British, on a front of nearly a mile and at one point penetrated a British position. The Australians, in a counter-attack, almost immediately recaptured the ground and the enemy suffered heavy losses and was repulsed on the other parts of the front.

A similar operation was attempted against the French on hill 44, the scene of many previous bloody encounters in the Kemmel sector. Unofficial accounts say the enemy gained a foothold on the rugged slopes, but that the French were pressing them hard, while Field Marshal Haig in his latest communication asserts that an attack north of Kemmel, which might include hill 44, was repulsed.

North of Robecq, in Flanders, the British took the initiative and in an attack inflicted casualties on the enemy and captured prisoners. On the Amiens sector the French carried out a similar maneuver with like results. Wherever the Germans essayed a stroke, except near Morlancourt and hill 44, they met with almost instant repulse at the hands of the allies.

Although the Germans everywhere are remaining in comparative quiet, except for their artillery work, it is realized behind the allied lines that this state of affairs will not last long, for the enemy is known to be preparing methodically for a resumption of hostilities. The strengthening of the line is being made both in man and gun power and in reconstructing regiments that were shot to pieces by the allied guns during the big German drive, and they are bringing up men who have had no part in the great struggle.

When the blow is to be delivered apparently is beyond the realm even of surmise, but it is highly probable, that it will not come until the enemy is fully prepared in every way to give mighty battle to gain his objective—the separating of the British and French armies and the opening of a fairway to the channel ports.

In the Italian theater considerable fighting continues around Monte Corvo, which commands the approach to the valley leading from Trent to Rovereto. Here the Austrians have renewed their attacks to regain the ground captured by General Diaz's forces last week, but the Italians have successfully ward off every blow. Attempts by the invaders to reach Italian positions on several other sectors of the front also met with repulse.

Control the Garden Insects.

It is coming the time of year when the garden insects begin to get in their work so a stitch in time saves nine.

The Colorado potato beetle has already put in its appearance in some localities so now is the time to get ahead of the pest. One of the best methods to use is to spray the plants as soon as the first beetles appear with arsenate of lead 3 lbs., paste or 1-2 lbs. powder to 50 gallons of water. In small quantities use 3 tablespoonfuls to one gallon of water and repeat as often as is necessary to control pest.

Owing to the demand the Government is making of every citizen of the United States to conserve the use of wheat and flour and to eat more potatoes. We should by all means try and produce an adequate supply of potatoes for home consumption. This cannot be done if we allow the garden insects to eat up our truck patches.

C. L. White, Emergency District Dem. Agent of Henry, Bates and St. Clair Counties.

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